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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

CLASS OF 2021

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The word *philosopher*, translated from Greek, means lover of wisdom. The term has come to define one who seeks knowledge, enlightenment, and truth.

Philosophy teaches students to think and argue rigorously about fundamental questions concerning value, rationality, language, and thought. It is of value to students who wish to reflect carefully on the world and our place in it as knowers and agents. The major provides the opportunity for students to explore the foundations of almost any other subject in which they may be interested - whether history, religion, the arts, government, law, or science.

Dear Graduating Class of 2021 and your family and friends,

CONGRATULATIONS! This is a day of days for you – the end of a long educational journey, that started way back in pre-school, and which must at times have seemed like it would never end! Yet here it is: THAT day. A new chapter of your lives begins, as exciting as it is challenging. Whether you are deciding to further pursue your academic interests, or else to venture out into the big wide world – always supposing that such venturing will soon be possible! or perhaps I should say zooming out into the big wide internet? – in any case, this is but the beginning, the unfolding, of another educational journey. The learning never stops; the challenges keep coming. And we hope the FUN.

You have worked hard to get here. We have done our best to help equip you for this moment, yet education is ever a two-way process. If we have helped open your minds to new vistas, encouraged new reflections, honed your many skills and talents, you have opened our minds to new questions and fresh puzzles, all part of that fruitful interactive dialog between the generations. Understandably, we are both happy for you and sad to see you go!

You are indeed an extraordinary class – you have faced ***four*** quarters of learning and study under pandemic conditions. You have done so with enormous resilience, patience, and commitment. It has been very impressive, and some of you, in particular, have achieved this under *exceptionally* trying conditions and family difficulties. The department is deeply grateful and appreciative of how you have dealt with this and risen to the occasion in true Bruin Spirit. We are moved and impressed.

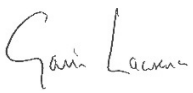
We APPLAUD you! And we are most grateful to your families for their support.

Also, if pandemic were not enough, during this time the nation has been keenly focused on the immense challenges of social justice and on the need for us, both as individuals and together, to commit to a fairer society built on the deep mutual respect one human being owes another. As a class you have clearly shown you have the determination and will to work for a better, more just future for us all.

So, it is my absolute delight, as chair speaking for the whole department, its faculty, its graduate students, and its staff, to wish you every success in your future endeavors, in all the paths now open before you, and to *urge* you to come and see us – really not virtually – in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!

All best,



Gavin Lawrence
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Nevina Elizabeth Warsito
Elliot (Nikita) Yu

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Zachary Biondi

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS!

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Dissertation: *A Deliberative Conception of Moral Complicity*

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Dissertation: *Mental Privacy*

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